



October 29, 2024

Notice of Proceeding

Mackenzie Valley Highway, Government of the Northwest Territories

Pre-Technical Session Meeting

A pre-technical session meeting will be held at 10 am on November 1, 2024, in Yellowknife at the Review Board office. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that parties and the developer have a common understanding of the purpose of the technical session and expectations on how to participate effectively.

A detailed draft agenda for the technical sessions is attached for discussion and will be finalized following the meeting.

Topics covered at the pre-technical session meeting:

- Overview of the purpose of the technical session
- Tips on preparing questions
- Review of the draft agenda
- Discussion regarding time needed for questioning

Meeting details:

Date: November 1, 2024, at 10am

Location: In person in the Review Board office Board room

OR

Online at the following zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84166580951>
(Meeting ID: 841 6658 0951).

Contact information

The primary contact on behalf of the Review Board for the Mackenzie Valley Highway project is Senior Environmental Assessment Advisor Catherine Fairbairn (867-766-7054, cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca).

Technical Sessions Agenda

Project: Mackenzie Valley Highway (EA1213-01)

Developer: Government of the Northwest Territories

Purpose: The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is hosting technical sessions for parties to ask detailed questions about the impacts of and mitigation for the proposed Mackenzie Valley Highway Project to extend Highway #1 from Pehdzéh Kǐ (Wrigley) to Tulít'a (Tulita) and Tłegóhtǐ (Norman Wells).

Technical Sessions Overview

Date	Topics
November 19	Project description Caribou and Moose Other Wildlife Species at Risk
November 20	Impacts on Communities Socio-economics Culture Traditional Land Use Harvesting
November 21	Water Quality and Quantity Fish and Fish Habitat Terrain and Permafrost Climate Change Air Quality and Noise Vegetation

The details of the agenda may be changed at the discretion of the Review Board. Additional short breaks may be announced as-needed throughout the day. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be provided. Interpretation can be organized if necessary.

The meeting will be hybrid, with the option to participate in-person and online. Parties and their technical advisors are strongly encouraged to attend the technical sessions in person. At a minimum, each party should please try to have at least one individual there in person to coordinate with any of their consultants or other staff online. For those who wish to participate virtually, please join the following Zoom meeting:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82971593300>

Meeting ID: 829 7159 3300

Day 1 – Tuesday, November 19

Project Description and Wildlife

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Time	Topics	Organization
8:30-9:00	Coffee and Tea	
9:00-9:30	Opening Remarks Introductions	Review Board staff
9:30-10:00	Overview of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project description - Impacts on caribou, moose, and wildlife 	GNWT-INF
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:45	Questions/discussion on the project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road design - Routing - Accidents and malfunctions - Effects of environment on project (climate resilience) 	All parties
11:45-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-14:30	Questions/discussion on Caribou and Moose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts - Impacts to movement - Mortality and health - Impacts of alternate routes/schedules 	All parties
14:30-14:45	Break	
14:45-15:45	Continued: questions/discussion on caribou and moose Questions/discussion on other Wildlife Questions/discussion on species at risk	All parties
15:45-16:00	Wrap-up	Review Board staff

Day 2 – Wednesday, November 20

Socio-economics, Culture, Traditional Land Use

Tree of Peace, Yellowknife

Time	Topics	Organization
8:30-9:00	Coffee and Tea	
9:00-9:15	Overview of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on communities - Impacts on culture and traditional harvesting 	GNWT-INF
9:15-10:15	Questions/discussion on impacts on communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social impacts - Economic impacts - Mitigation for increased drugs and alcohol - Cumulative impacts - Preparing for the road /community readiness 	All parties
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:45	Continued: Questions/discussion on impacts on communities	All parties
11:45-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-14:30	Questions/discussion on culture, traditional land use, harvesting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harvesting (hunting, fishing, plants, firewood) - Cultural impacts - Culturally important areas - Traditional Knowledge 	All parties
14:30-14:45	Break	
14:45-15:45	Continued: Questions/discussion on culture, traditional land use, harvesting	All parties
15:45-16:00	Wrap-up	Review Board staff

Day 3 – Wednesday, November 21

Water, Fish, Terrain, Air, and other topics

Tree of Peace, Yellowknife

Time	Topics	Organization
8:30-9:00	Coffee and Tea	
9:00-9:15	Overview of project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impacts on water and fish - Impacts on terrain and permafrost - Impacts on air quality, noise, vegetation 	GNWT-INF
9:15-10:15	Questions/discussion on water quality and quantity Questions/discussion on fish and fish habitat	All parties
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:45	Questions/discussion on terrain and permafrost Questions/discussion on climate change	All parties
11:45-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-14:30	Questions/discussion on air quality Questions/discussion on noise Questions/discussion on vegetation	All parties
14:30-14:45	Break	
14:45-16:00	Review of undertakings Wrap up	Review Board staff